West Des Moines
Fire Department
2013
Memorial Ceremony

Honoring the Memory of Those We Have Lost

Sunday, October 6, 2013 1:00pm Station 18



## **PROGRAM**

Welcome

(Chief Cox)

Posting of the Colors

(Color Guard)

National Anthem

Remembering:

All Former Firefighters

(Lt. Elliott)

Ringing of the Fire Bell and "Striking of the Four Fives"

Closing and Museum

(Lt. Elliott)



## **HISTORY**

## Harry Morris Memorial

The City of West Des Moines Firefighter Memorial was started nearly 20 years ago by the Harry Morris Family with the very first donation. The Memorial is dedicated to honor the memory of firefighters who have unselfishly served the City of West Des Moines and our fire department.

There are two sections on the Memorial to honor these firefighters. One is for non-service deaths, and the other is for line of duty deaths, in which we pray that the wall remains blank.

Sadly, in the United States, over 100 firefighters lose their lives in the line of duty each year. It also goes without saying, that each West Des Moines firefighter sees a portion of our Memorial subtly dedicated to the 343 New York firefighters who lost their lives in 2001.



One of the challenges in a firefighter's life is the loss of a fellow firefighter. We celebrate this year as we do not have any names to place on the wall.

So today, we gather together to remember the lives and friendships of those fire-fighters previously honored. This service is not only about the lives lost, but also celebrating the efforts of these firefighters who made this department stronger and the community that they served safer. Through dedication, tradition, and pageantry, we honor the families and our firefighters on this Memorial.

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Harry Morris Charles Morris

Jack Morris Lloyd Nelson

Ray Manon Eddie Murrillo

John McGinn TJ Szwarc

Bob Chandler Tom Boots

Bob Gardner Doug Hagen

Doug Shank Frank Ferrari

Randy Bracken Tim Hufford

Steve Rodish